

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 4842.0068-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE #3/B

In re Application of: )  
Allan HERROD et al. )  
Rule 53(b) Divisional of application )  
Serial No.: 08/827,263 ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Filed: June 8, 2000 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
For: NETWORK DATA SYSTEM FOR )  
READING AND EXECUTING )  
MACHINE-EXECUTABLE )  
INSTRUCTIONS (as amended) )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE:**

Kindly change the title to read --NETWORK DATA SYSTEM FOR READING AND EXECUTING MACHINE-EXECUTABLE INSTRUCTIONS--.

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please amend Figure 4 as indicated in red ink on the attached Request For Approval Of